

**BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2010**

The Organizational Meeting of the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee was held in the Cafeteria of the Mt. Hope High School on Monday, November 15, 2010. The meeting was opened by Mr. Paul Silva at approximately 6:03 p.m.

Present: Paul Silva, Chair, William M. O'Dell, Treasurer, Marjorie J. McBride, Secretary, Denise R. Arsenault, John C. Bento, Diana B. Campbell, Karen A. Lynch, Susan Rancourt and John P. Saviano; Melinda L. Thies, Superintendent; Mario J. Andrade, Assistant Superintendent; Pauline A. Silva, Director of Administration and Finance; Mary N. Almeida, Director of Literacy and Title I; Leslie J. Anderson, Director of Pupil Personnel Services; and Andrew D. Henneous, Esq., District Solicitor

Absent: none

All present were invited to Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

Elise Arsenault, graduate of Mt. Hope High School and daughter of Denise Arsenault, sang the Star Spangled Banner.

Mr. Silva thanked all the members of the Bristol and Warren Town Councils in attendance and congratulated them on their election or re-election, and also the District Administrators in attendance.

Mr. Silva stated that in accordance with enabling legislation the Chair seat is changing. It has been his pleasure to Chair for the past two years a group of people who are compassionate enough about education to give up a good amount of their time dealing with it. He congratulated the re-elected members and the newly elected member.

Mrs. Thies officially presented to Mr. Silva a gavel in recognition of his service as Chair. Mrs. Thies then commented on Mr. Silva's leadership. He has been a member of the School Committee for 16 years and is starting another term; she is indebted to him for his leadership and guidance and Mrs. Thies thanked Mr. Silva for his care and concern and passion for the children of this District and service to the community. Mrs. Thies then introduced Judge Patricia Hurst.

Judge Hurst said she is always proud to take part in this event. This year we have one new member in addition to three re-elected members. On behalf of herself and all the citizens of Warren and Bristol, Judge Hurst thanked every member for their service. School Committee is a very important job; it is not a simple task requiring choices to be made that are rarely easy, and a commitment that is "24/7". Judge Hurst asked all nine members to raise their right hand

and recite the Oath of Office: “I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution and obey the laws of the United States of America and the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the Office of Regional School Committee Member.”

Mr. Silva then turned the meeting over to Superintendent Thies.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chair

Mrs. Thies asked for nominations for Chair. Mr. Saviano nominated Mr. Bento. Mrs. Lynch seconded.

There being no more nominations, Mr. Saviano motioned to declare nominations closed; Mrs. Lynch seconded. The nomination for Mr. Bento as Chair passed by a vote of 8 to 0, with Mr. Bento abstaining.

Mrs. Thies turned control of the meeting over to the new Chair, Mr. Bento. Mr. Bento thanked the Committee for their vote of confidence.

Vice-Chair

Mr. Bento asked for nominations for Vice-Chair.

Mr. Saviano nominated Mr. Silva. Mrs. Lynch seconded. There being no more nominations, Mr. Bento declared nominations closed. The motion to elect Mr. Silva as Vice-Chair passed by a vote of 8 to 0 with Mr. Silva abstaining.

Secretary

Mr. Bento asked for nominations for Secretary.

Mr. Silva nominated Mrs. Lynch. Mr. Saviano seconded. There being no more nominations, Mr. Bento declared nominations closed.

The nomination of Mrs. Lynch as Secretary passed by a vote of 8 to 0 with Mrs. Lynch abstaining.

Treasurer

Mr. Silva asked for nominations for Treasurer.

Mrs. McBride nominated Mr. O'Dell. Mrs. Campbell seconded. There being no further nominations, Mr. Bento declared nominations closed. The nomination of Mr. O'Dell as Treasurer passed by a vote of 8 to 0 with Mr. O'Dell abstaining.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mrs. McBride, seconded by Mr. O'Dell, moved to adjourn at 6:21 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Lynch, Secretary

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